

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to cancel Claims 1-9 and add new Claims 10-22 as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (New) A drier comprising a rotary drum that can be fed through a feed opening, through which drum process air is able to flow from a rear wall into an end plate adjacent to the feed opening, and also comprising a drying basket with a lattice type basket projecting into the drum, which basket is supported demountably in at least one opening on the end plate, wherein the drying basket has a longitudinal support projecting into the drum, on which support an integral connecting device is formed, which device engages with the opening and which has a supporting section with which it is supported against the end plate.

11. (New) The drier according to claim 10, wherein the longitudinal support is designed as wire and the connecting device is a hook formed on one end section of the wire, wherein the hook and the support section are formed by a bending process.

12. (New) The drier according to claim 10, wherein the drying basket has two longitudinal supports and the end plate has two openings, wherein each longitudinal support engages with one of these openings.

13. (New) The drier according to Claim 12, wherein the drying basket has a longitudinal support on both longitudinal sides.

14. (New) The drier according to claim 10, wherein a demountable lint filter is arranged in the end plate, which filter is adjacent to the opening.

15. (New) The drier according to Claim 14, wherein the opening and the connecting device are covered by the lint filter.

16. (New) A laundry drier comprising:
a housing;
a rotary drum disposed within the housing and including a rear wall having inlet openings through which an air flow enters the rotary drum;
a feed opening in the housing providing access to the rotary drum;
an end plate disposed near a lower portion of the feed opening and including two basket openings disposed near opposing ends of the end plate;
a drying basket including two elongated longitudinal supports and a lattice type basket supported by the longitudinal supports, each longitudinal support including a connecting device having a hook and a supporting section, the drying basket being removably connected to the end plate and projecting into the rotary drum toward the rear wall with each of the basket openings receiving one hooks and each of the supporting sections engaging a surface of the end plate to support the drying basket within the rotary drum.

17. (New) The laundry drier according to claim 16, wherein the longitudinal support and connecting device are integrally formed from a rigid wire member having various angled section bent into the desired configuration.

18. (New) The laundry drier according to claim 16, wherein each hook includes a bending section curving away from the drying basket.

19. (New) The laundry drier according to claim 16, further comprising a removable lint filter including a lint screen and an elongated upper diaphragm having a projection at each opposing end of the upper diaphragm, the end plate including an elongated recess extending between the basket openings and the lint filter being received into the recess.

20. (New) The laundry drier according to Claim 19, wherein the each projection extends over one of the basket openings and restricts the connecting devices from being removed from the basket openings.

21. (New) A method for removably connecting a drying basket to a laundry drier, the method comprising the following acts:

providing the laundry drier comprising a housing, a rotary drum disposed within the housing, a feed opening in the housing providing access to the rotary drum, and an end plate disposed near a lower portion of the feed opening and including two basket openings;

providing the drying basket including two elongated longitudinal supports and a lattice type basket supported by the longitudinal supports, each longitudinal support including a connecting device having a hook and a supporting section;

inserting each hook into one of the basket openings with the drying basket projecting into the rotary drum; and

positioning each supporting section on a surface of the end plate to support the drying basket within the rotary drum.

22. (New) The method according to claim 20, further comprising:
- providing a lint filter including a lint screen and an elongated upper diaphragm having a projection at each opposing end of the upper diaphragm;
 - providing an elongated recess within the end plate extending between the basket openings;
 - inserting the lint filter into the recess with each of the projections extending over one of the basket openings and restricting the hooks from being removed from the basket openings.